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Re: *Generic Docket to Establish Generally Available Terms and Conditions
for Interconnection*
Docket No. 01-00526

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EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

Dear David:

Enclosed please find the original and thirteen copies of a motion by the Southeastern Competitive Carriers Association ("SECCA"), XO Tennessee, Inc. ("XO") and US LEC of Tennessee, Inc. ("US LEC") for extension of time to file comments in the above-captioned proceeding. Please contact me or Whitney Malone with any questions.

Very truly yours,

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**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

In Re: Generic Docket to Establish)
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MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

The Southeastern Competitive Carriers Association ("SECCA"), XO Tennessee, Inc. ("XO") and US LEC of Tennessee, (collectively the "Petitioners"), respectfully request that the Hearing Officer grant an extension of time for filing comments in the above-captioned proceeding. For the reasons explained below, the Petitioners also suggest that the extension be granted to other parties as well.

On July 11, 2001, the Tennessee Regulatory Authority issued a notice requiring BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") to modify the company's standard interconnection agreement to reflect the Authority's decisions in arbitration proceedings, generic dockets, and enforcement proceedings. The TRA directed Bellsouth to file the "modified Interconnection Agreement" with the Authority on or before Monday July 23, 2001. The same notice also instructed other parties to file comments on the proposed agreement on or before Thursday, August 2, 2001.

On July 18, 2001, BellSouth filed a letter to the attention of the Executive Secretary requesting an extension of time within which to file the modified agreement. The TRA granted BellSouth's request and extended the filing date until July 30, 2001, with interested persons filing comments by August 9, 2001.

BellSouth filed their modified agreement on July 30, 2001. As demonstrated by BellSouth's July 30 filing, the modified interconnection agreement is extremely complex and

comprises several hundred pages. At the present time, the parties interested in reviewing and commenting on the agreement are heavily involved in a number of proceedings, both in Tennessee and in other states within BellSouth's territory. An extension of time to review the modified agreement in this proceeding would provide the parties with the opportunity to adequately prepare comments without neglecting other ongoing proceedings.

Therefore, the petitioners respectfully request the TRA to provide the parties with thirty days to review and comment on BellSouth's proposal. Granting this petition would extend the date for interested parties to file comments from Thursday, August 9, 2001, until August 29, 2001.

Respectfully submitted,

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